

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 880

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Anthony Dunnings  
of Alcoa.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Anthony Dunnings; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Dunnings, of Alcoa, was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as executive director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Center, in which position he earned the respect of children, teenagers, and adults alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, prior to his post as executive director, Mr. Dunnings ably served as the assistant director for a total of ten dedicated years with the center; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited individual of the highest order, Anthony Dunnings worked assiduously to better the lives of the children in his community, and to provide activities for people of all ages to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Mr. Dunnings was involved in a variety of notable civic and religious affairs, and held positions of leadership on numerous boards; he was also a former class member of Leadership Blount and a revered Alcoa football coach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunnings was an active and devout member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, which he served as the associate pastor and as a youth minister; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Dunnings enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Shelley, and was the proud father of Jonah; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his mother, Donna Dunnings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunnings was preceded in death by his father, Anthony Haszelton; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Dunnings leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Anthony Dunnings, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Dunnings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.